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April 5, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland CA 94612-2530

**Re: Lower Ventura River Habitat Restoration (File No. 06-019).**

Dear Mr. Bosco,

As California State Assemblymember for the 35<sup>th</sup> District, I would like to voice my strong support for Santa Barbara Channelkeeper's Ventura Stream Team and the proposed Lower Ventura River Habitat Restoration project. The Ventura River Watershed is one of the most significant not only in Ventura County, but also in Southern California. The waters of this system support multiple beneficial uses including providing critical habitat for a broad range of species, recreation, educational opportunities, as well as multiple municipal and agricultural uses. The improvements in habitat and water quality to be facilitated by this project will greatly benefit these multiple uses.

For the past five years, Channelkeeper's Ventura Stream Team program has proven to be an extremely valuable asset to our community. The program is beneficial because it collects scientifically sound data that can be used to measure water quality changes over time, and can help to determine how future actions will affect the watershed in both positive and negative ways. The data generated by this program have been and will continue to be useful to resource management agencies in assessing the health of the watershed, facilitating watershed planning and restoration, and evaluating the effectiveness of pollution prevention projects.

Ventura Stream Team is an outstanding volunteer citizens monitoring program within the Ventura River Watershed. The program's public outreach and educational efforts nurture broader awareness of the value of our water resources, educate the community about what threatens those resources, and encourage protective action. The Ventura Stream Team program serves as a great benefit to the residents of Ventura County.

The Lower Ventura River Watershed Restoration Project would enhance the data collection, public outreach, and community involvement benefits of Ventura Stream Team by also supporting efforts by Channelkeeper to identify restoration opportunities and develop restoration project plans in the watershed. This too will benefit the community and the River, as it will greatly facilitate the implementation of a host of projects to restore this critical watershed.

For these reasons, I highly recommend that this valuable project receive the California Coastal Conservancy's support. Please feel free to contact me at (805) 564-1649 to discuss this matter further. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Pedro Nava  
Assemblymember, 35<sup>th</sup> District





# VENTURA COUNTY

**PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY**  
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# WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT

March 30, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
 California Coastal Conservancy  
 1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Oakland CA 94612-2530

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 District Director

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**Sergio Vargas**  
 Planning/Regulatory

**Tom Lagier**  
 Operations/Maintenance

**Subject: LOWER VENTURA RIVER HABITAT RESTORATION (File No. 06-019).**

Dear Mr. Bosco,

We at Ventura County Watershed Protection District's Water Quality and Environmental Resources Division, would like to voice our strong support for Santa Barbara Channelkeeper's Ventura Stream Team and the proposed Lower Ventura River Habitat Restoration project. The Ventura River Watershed is one of the last remaining relatively natural river systems in Southern California and as such, is one of the most significant watersheds in Ventura County and Southern California. The waters of this system support multiple beneficial uses including critical habitat for a broad range of species, recreation, educational opportunities, as well as multiple municipal and agricultural uses. The improvements in habitat and water quality to be facilitated by this project will greatly benefit these multiple uses.

For the past five years, Channelkeeper's Ventura Stream Team program has proven to be an extremely valuable asset to our community. The program is beneficial in it's collection of scientifically sound data, a critical element of watershed management. The data can be used to measure water quality changes over time and can help to determine how future actions will affect the watershed in both positive and negative ways. The data generated by this program have been and will continue to be useful to resource management agencies in assessing the health of the watershed, facilitating watershed planning and restoration, and evaluating the effectiveness of pollution prevention projects.

Ventura Stream Team is the only volunteer citizens monitoring program within the Ventura River Watershed. The program's public outreach and educational efforts nurture broader awareness of the value of our water resources, educate the community about what threatens those resources, and encourage protective action. The Ventura Stream Team program serves as a great benefit to the residents of Ventura County, providing an opportunity for public involvement and the collection of scientific data necessary for management of water resources.

The Lower Ventura River Watershed Restoration Project would further enhance the benefits of Ventura Stream Teams previous collection of data, public outreach and community involvement. It would also support efforts by the Santa Barbara Channelkeeper to identify restoration opportunities and develop restoration project plans in the watershed.

For these reasons, we recommend this valuable project receive the California Coastal Conservancy's support. Please feel free to contact Darla Wise, Water Quality Manager for the District, at 805 654-3942 to discuss this matter further. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gerhardt Hubner  
 Deputy Director, Ventura County Watershed Protection District

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 OAKLAND, CALIF.

cc: Jessie Altstatt -Santa Barbara Channelkeeper



# CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA

March 31, 2006

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California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland CA 94612-2530

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**Re: Lower Ventura River Watershed Restoration Project (File No. 06-019).**

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The City of Ventura is pleased to support the Santa Barbara Channelkeeper's Ventura Stream Team and their proposed Lower Ventura River Watershed Restoration Project. The Ventura River watershed supports multiple beneficial uses including providing critical habitat for a broad range of species, recreation, educational opportunities, in addition to being a source of water to municipal and agricultural users. The improvements in habitat and water quality to be facilitated by this project will greatly benefit us all.

For the past five years, Channelkeeper's Ventura Stream Team program has proven to be an asset to our community. The program collects scientific data that can be used to measure water quality changes over time, and help evaluate how future actions may impact the watershed. The data generated by this program has been and will continue to be useful to resource management agencies in assessing the health of the watershed, facilitating watershed planning and restoration, and evaluating the effectiveness of pollution prevention projects.

The Ventura Stream Team is the only volunteer citizen monitoring program within the watershed and serves as a great benefit to the residents of Ventura County. The Lower Ventura River Watershed Restoration Project would enhance the data collection, public outreach and community involvement benefits of the Ventura Stream Team by also supporting Channelkeeper's efforts to identify restoration opportunities and develop restoration project plans within the watershed.

The City of Ventura offers its full support to Santa Barbara Channelkeeper's and recommends that this valuable project receive support from the California Coastal Conservancy.

Sincerely,



Karen Waln  
Management Analyst

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March 30, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland CA 94612-2530

**Re: Lower Ventura River Habitat Restoration (File No. 06-019)**

The City of Ventura's Stormwater Quality Program gladly supports the Ventura Stream Team Project to safeguard the health of Ventura County's rivers. Stream Team efforts to-date have filled important gaps in our knowledge of the Ventura River's water quality, provided excellent outreach and education to the public, and improved our ability to protect beach water quality for our residents and visitors. Santa Barbara ChannelKeeper has done a wonderful job managing the project and is extremely deserving of additional funding to continue their valuable efforts.

The health of wetlands and waterways has a profound impact on the quality of water that flows through them. Our waterways all flow to the ocean, and the Ventura River directly affects the water quality at Ventura's beaches. The Ventura Stream Team's effort has not only helped us to pinpoint City efforts to improve beach water quality, but they have also educated the public as to how each citizen can make positive changes for the health of our environment and coastal waters.

Santa Barbara ChannelKeeper is a pleasure to work with, and they have provided cooperative solutions to regional problems. They have our full support for their grant application. Please feel free to call me at (805) 652-4582 if I can provide any further information regarding the Ventura Stream Team Project.

Sincerely,

CITY OF VENTURA STORMWATER QUALITY PROGRAM

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Richard Bradley  
Management Analyst

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OAKLAND, CALIF.

## Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project



6 April 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
Oakland CA 94612-2530

*Re: Lower Ventura River Habitat Restoration (File No. 06-019).*

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Ventura County Task Force of the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed grant to Santa Barbara Channelkeeper to help fund its efforts to conduct water quality monitoring and identify habitat restoration opportunities in the lower Ventura River watershed.

The \$100,000 grant will help fund a vital program to collect baseline data on the health of the watershed, train volunteer watershed stewards, identify specific impairments to water quality and riparian habitat, compile a comprehensive list of restoration opportunities, and develop conceptual plans for implementing several of those projects. The data collected by the Ventura Stream Team not only help identify problem areas throughout the watershed, but also guide future clean-up and restoration efforts by environmental groups and regulatory agencies.

We fully expect that this program will replicate in the Ventura River watershed the success and contributions of Heal the Bay's Stream Team project in the Malibu Creek watershed. By doing so, it will help contribute to the restoration of native coastal and riparian habitat for southern steelhead trout and other sensitive species within the Ventura River. In addition, the project will complement and support the continuing efforts of the Coastal Conservancy and the Wetlands Recovery Project to protect and



restore the Ventura River watershed through such projects as the Matilija Dam Removal Feasibility Study and the Ventura River Parkway project.

There is strong community support for funding this project. As you know, the Wetlands Recovery Project is a partnership of 18 state and federal agencies which are working together to protect and restore coastal wetlands and watersheds in the region from Point Conception to the Mexican border. In Ventura County, the County Task Force serves as the local forum for achieving the Wetlands Recovery Project's strategies and objectives. The Task Force represents more than 30 local agencies and community-based organizations that are working together to promote the protection and restoration of coastal wetlands and watersheds in our County. And the protection and restoration of the Ventura River is one of the County Task Force's main goals and priorities.

We appreciate all of the Coastal Conservancy's financial support and technical assistance for wetland and stream restoration in Ventura County for the past three decades and ask that you continue that effort by approving the proposed grant to Santa Barbara Channelkeeper for this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Sandi Matsumoto  
Co-chair of the Ventura County Task Force,  
Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project

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**Marc Beyeler**

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**From:** Robert Thiel [robert.thiel@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 10:55 AM  
**To:** Sandi Matsumoto  
**Cc:** Marc Beyeler  
**Subject:** Letter of support

Hi Sandi,

Attached is a letter that we'd appreciate your signing on behalf of the Task Force in support of a project to be heard by the Coastal Conservancy's board at its meeting in Ventura on April 27. As soon as you're back in the office on Thursday, would you please sign the letter and send the original by Express Mail directly to Marc Beyeler at the following address so that it can be included in the package to be given to the board:

Marc Beyeler  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland CA 94612-2530

Thanks and best regards,  
Bob

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